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Darko Pervan

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Filed: June 29, 2005

For: MECHANICAL LOCKING SYSTEM  
FOR FLOORBOARDS

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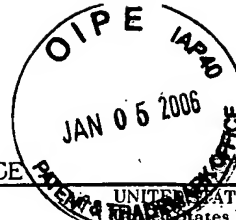
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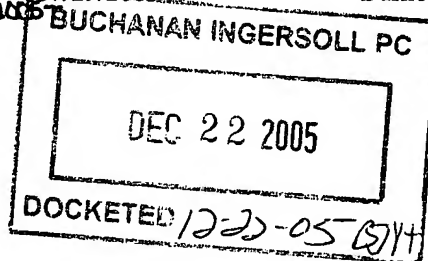
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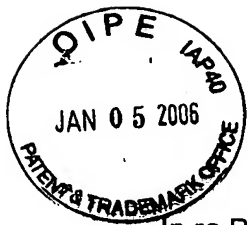
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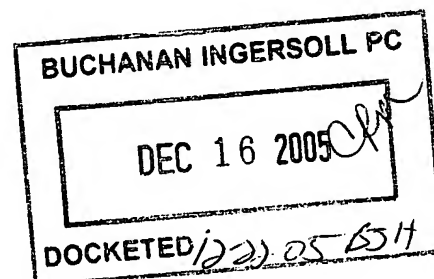
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## Title

Mechanical locking system for floorboards



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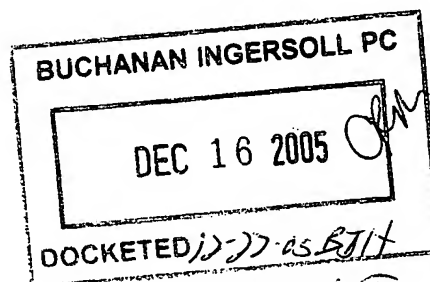
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